

# EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE FOR FEDERAL AMENDMENT

New Platform Makes No Mention of State Control of Suffrage Issue.

WOMEN FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

Also Demand Permission for Women Lawyers to Practice—Condemn Argument That Race Problem Prevents Suffrage Amendment.

Notably evident as the animating spirit of the seventh annual convention of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia, which opened yesterday morning in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, was the impact given to suffrage by the recent victory in New York. What has heretofore been characterized as a "gleam of hope" in the South for the ultimate enfranchisement of women has suddenly flared up into the promise of victory. The Virginia league stands on its new platform, which embraces as its salient features the immediate enactment of the Federal amendment enfranchising women of the United States; the adoption by the Virginia Legislature of a law allowing women to be members of school boards; permission for women lawyers to practice their profession in this State; for Virginia women to join with the women of the whole world in a globe-wide appeal for universal suffrage; for condemnation of the race problem in the South prevents passage of the Federal amendment by Congress. "The keynote of the convention," declared Mrs. Barton H. Wise in her address, "is patriotism. We have sent our men to the front as our first line of defense, but the women of the nation will form the second line of defense, which will neither waver nor break." In her address, Mrs. W. T. Vance, of Bedford, spoke of Richmond as the "City of Memories" where it was especially befitting that the descendants of liberty-loving forebears should with "unabated zeal and undiminished energy" fight the battle for a universal democracy.

MAYOR PRAISES SERVICE RENDERED BY WOMEN

George Ainslie, Mayor of Richmond, spoke at length of the notable service which has been rendered by the women of the nation since war was declared, and that he could see no difference in the quality of the service rendered by the men and that of the women. The feature of the morning session, however, was the address of the president of the Virginia league, Mrs. B. B. Valentine, who in her survey emphasized the fact that the time had passed for doubting that there could be no real democracy which excludes women, that women were not making a fight with any hope of reward, but for a just recognition of the fact that they were human beings, as much as men, and that along with the men of the nation they were in the war to win a world peace, and that it was unjust that this service should not be acknowledged and officially recognized. Following the close of the afternoon session, there was an informal reception given by Anne Lowry, chairman of the delegates to the convention at the equal suffrage headquarters at the corner of Franklin and Fourth Streets. Tea was served and the auditorium was crowded with a notable gathering of Richmond women.

## FEDERAL SUFFRAGE ON WILSON'S ADVICE

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than to utilize it in that way—but that no human man, of any race, facing conditions such as exist to-day, with the hatred, animosity and unrest of a world war, had a right to stir up further discontent, antagonism or hatred.

"Our men are going out to die," said the speaker with deep earnestness. "Nation after nation of people are on their knees in distress, calling out vainly for help in the calamity which has overtaken us. We have no time, no right, to do anything but consecrate ourselves to the cause of democracy and the right."

Dr. Shaw's kindly tolerance of the average man occasionally flared up into sarcasm which never failed to bring a round of applause from her audience.

Her final remarks about the picketing, for example, was a back-handed slap at the men who have had so much to say about the picketing in Washington. "If men were as eagerly picketing grain elevators, stock yards and the conservation of food," said Dr. Shaw with conviction, "they would be making a much better use of their time than in worrying over the women." She pointed out that it was neither a brave nor a gallant thing for any man to hide behind the petticoats of the picketers. "When a man tells me that the picketing is his excuse for voting against equal suffrage, I tell him that he only wanted an excuse—that he was going to do it, anyhow—and that most men looking for an excuse are like Adam of old—they must go back to a woman to find it. Men should keep silent in the presence of women," she declared, "after plunging the world in the awful chaos which Europe bears witness to."

COMES OUT FOR

FEDERAL SUFFRAGE To the majority of the audience Dr. Shaw's reasons for the National Women Suffrage Association coming out boldly in support of the Federal amendment were of the most vital interest. She declared that it was only after many consultations with President Wilson that this course was finally decided upon, and it was on the strength of his wise advice and counsel that the suffrage leaders came to the conclusion that the time had come in the struggle for the State suffrage, and the time was at hand to make a stand for the passage of country-wide enfranchisement. "We are better off for suffrage than the majority of men,"

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declared the speaker convincingly. "We can't be fooled by political chicanery. We have stopped studying pretty long ago and gone to studying problems of housing, feeding, cleanliness, sewerage, health, sanitation, conditions, disposal of garbage and all civic problems affecting the welfare of the nation as a whole, and the individual. We know a lot more about the used to know. Why do I meddle with politics? Because politics meddle with me. Did any gallant democrat or Republican or Socialist rise in defense of me when the government taxed me for the conduct of the war? Did any man say, 'The women did not cause this war. They shall not be forced to do the meatless and wheatless days?' No. They discouraged at length on the wastefulness of women. They talked about the crust of bread she left in her refrigerator while they puffed on a 25-cent cigar. The chickens and the pigs could have utilized the crust of bread, but nothing under heaven could cut that. At 20 go manfully die in ignorance of women, but it is my firm belief that God made women fools to match such men, so that the world would be pretty evenly balanced."

In closing her address, Dr. Shaw spoke of the work of the Council of Defense and of woman's part in the activities of this organization. She pointed out that the woman's action of the Council of National Defense, appointed by the government. Applause greeted her accounts of interviews with Mr. Hoover and the President.

The newspapers of the country came in for a final humorous slap. "When I want to know what my real duty is, I read all the newspapers, and I am greatly enlightened. I find, for instance, that we women are expected to supply the enthusiasm, the patriotism, the loyalty and the inspiration to make men go manfully die in the trenches of Europe. This accomplishment, we must be perfectly calm, keep the home fires burning, conserve the most vital spiritual forces of the nation, keep the schools going for the children, look after economic and industrial conditions, carry home our bundles, wear our same old clothes with a few artificial flowers, and keep a perfect balance always, never wear wool—nor cotton—economize, be thrifty, and while conserving food in every possible way, always cook something that is not fall to eat. It is a pretty big job," she concluded in the laughter that followed. "but not bigger than we can handle."

In exactly fifteen minutes, following the conclusion of Dr. Shaw's address, \$2,065 was pledged to the furthering of the suffrage campaign in Virginia by members of the audience.

## COUNTERFEIT BILLS

Figures From Worthless Confederate Notes Passed Over Those on One-Dollar Issues.

Clever counterfeiters of \$5 bills have been made in Richmond. The work is not done by turning out a new bill, but by taking old Confederate \$5 notes, clipping out the numeral and pasting it over the figure "one" in the upper right-hand corner of the United States note issued in 1917. The note recently issued somewhat resembles a \$5 note of the United States without the slightest alteration of the illustration, easily completed by the clever pasting. Two such notes were passed in a local five and ten-cent store and defied detection at the hands of the cashier, and were passed on to the bank for deposit. When the counterfeit bill is folded, no numeral appears, except the false five, and in the rush hour uttering the counterfeit becomes simple.

Under the ordinary \$1 bill, the United States note which is being counterfeited is engraved with a warning against altering or counterfeiting, which reads as follows: "Alteration of this note passing any counterfeit or alteration of it, or any paper made in imitation of the paper on which it is printed is felony, and is punishable by \$5,000 fine or fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor, or both."

## MONUMENT TO MRS. WILSON

Simple Ceremonies Mark Erection of Shaft Over Grave of President's First Wife.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, GA., November 12.—Simple ceremonies accompanied the erection of a monument here to-day over the grave of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson at Myrtle Hill Cemetery, the work being in charge of Herbert Adams, of New York, a sculptor, who designed the shaft. The grave was covered with floral tributes from the women and children of Rome.

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# LOCAL BOARD NO. 4 AGAIN BREAKS STATE RECORDS

Compiles Vast Amount of Statistical Information as to Men Registered and Drafted.

UNDER CROWDER'S DIRECTION

Provost-Marshal-General Compiling Statistics for Congress as to Operations of Draft Law, Especially as to Occupational Exemptions.

In order to learn the facts about the draft system, how it has worked and how it may be improved for future drafts, the provost-marshal-general has sent out a large number of information cards to the various local boards throughout the country, and returned to the provost-marshal-general's office within a stipulated time. The gathering of the data requires a enormous amount of work on the part of the local board, and although the local board of Division No. 4 was allowed ten days in which to complete this work, the members of the board and their aids were able to complete the work in a day and a half by ceaseless effort.

Local Board No. 4, of which George W. Rogers is chairman, was the first board in the State to complete its work, and so far as is known was among the first in the entire country. Many interesting facts are contained in the data gathered, some of which illustrate the demands of the boards. In Division No. 4, there were 2,500 registrants; the quota due was 181; for examination, 623; failed to appear, 13; rejected on physical examination, 153; certified to district board, 186; ordered to report to camp, 163; failed to report, 2; rejected at camp, 5; held in reserve, 17; deaths, 1; in service prior to call, 113; were 321 that filed claims; 273 were allowed; were 25; discharged by district board on appeal, 6; discharged by district board on industrial claim, 6.

## GATHERING INFORMATION

The boards also had to determine the number of married and single men involved, those that were registered, but not called, and many other facts. Married—registered, but not called, 1,236; rejected on physical examination, 153; certified to district board, 186; ordered to report to camp, 163; failed to report, 2; rejected at camp, 5; held in reserve, 17; deaths, 1; in service prior to call, 113; were 321 that filed claims; 273 were allowed; were 25; discharged by district board on appeal, 6; discharged by district board on industrial claim, 6.

Some of the most interesting facts dealt with the various occupations from which the men were drawn. There appears to be five classes from which most of the men were drawn: the largest number of registrants, two hundred and eighty-nine registered, and 19 were accepted from the class which includes contractors, carpenters, blacksmiths, machinists, plasterers, etc.; 334 registered and 22 were accepted from the class which includes agricultural implement factories, auto-mobile factories, car and railroad shops, other iron and steel factories; 288 registered and 13 were accepted from the class which includes steam railroads; 581 registered and 25 were accepted from the class which includes banking and brokerage, insurance, real estate, and 24 were accepted from the class which includes laborers in general.

These facts, only a small part of the entire work, show the enormity of the task devolving upon the boards, and at the same time they furnish the provost-marshal-general with necessary data which is to be compiled by States for the entire country for the information of Congress in drawing any changes that may be needed in the draft act.

## PACIFIST PREACHER IS FOR WAR TO FINISH

Dr. Wicker Would See Germany Crushed—Says Death of Ferdinand Was Deliberately Planned.

Declaring that his interpretation of the teachings of Jesus forbade him from meeting God with the war, and that he could not ask the divine aid that our army might win, Rev. John J. Wicker, D. D., in an impassioned address to the Tuesday Club yesterday told how he as a pacifist became a war enthusiast, and expressed the wish that we might wipe up Germany completely and efficiently. "I cannot be intellectually honest and spiritually perpendicular and connect God with the war, but we are here in the world and divine ideals must suffer sacrifice in order that we may accomplish a victory that is absolutely necessary. Consequently, I am in this war for all I'm worth, and when the war is over my ideals as a Christian what is even my ideals as a pacifist will be in order. They are not now, and I will preach them for all they are worth. Jesus said that Moses compromised because of the needs of the hour. I think Christian pacifists should do so now in this great hour."

Continuing, he expressed his disbelief in some old Testament statements, where the conquerors said they were commanded by God to exterminate an enemy. "We must interpret the book in its translation by the life of Jesus," he said. "The church caused the war by not properly or adequately propagating the Christian religion, and this is not going to the last or the greatest day of the world, and culture with religion playing second fiddle."

After paying a tribute to Germany's educational and industrial system and referring to their shipbuilding that "might makes right," the speaker vehemently indicted our enemy as having outrageously violated international law and the law of humanity, and expressed his strong desire to see the Kaiser and his minions crushed—men, women and children, if necessary.

He criticized the President for trying

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## DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

John H. Allen.

John Buchanan Allen died at his residence, 2218 Stuart Avenue, yesterday.

Henry C. Lowry.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

REDFORD, VA., November 13.—Henry C. Lowry died at his home

day morning at 7:15 o'clock, after an illness of seven months. He was a native of King and Queen County, and came to Richmond thirty-six years ago, and since that time had been connected with the H. C. Boschen Shoe Store. He was sixty-one years old, and is survived by his wife, five daughters and two sons—Misses Nettie, Brina, Ruth, Edith and Mrs. Joseph Kass; John M. and Raymond C. Allen. The funeral will take place from the residence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of Mechanics and of the Patriotic Sons and Daughters of Liberty.

The funeral took place from St. John's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Mr. Lowry was a member of the Episcopal Church for many years. He was married early in life to Miss Lizzie Quarles, of this place, who, with the following sons and daughters, survives him: Landon Lowry, Commonwealth's attorney of Bedford County; Robert Q. Lowry and Miss Anna Lowry, all of this county, and Mr. Francis Lowry, of California. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Judith A. Beale, of Washington.

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